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SUBJECT: SADAT'S REQUEST RE C-130S

REF: (A) STATE 45625, (C) CAIRO 5706, (C) CAIRO 5453

1. REFTELS A AND B SEEM TO HAVE CROSSED. I DID NOT SPECIFICALLY ASK SADAT WHETHER HE WAS TALKING ABOUT SIX C-130S IN ADDITION TO THE FOURTEEN ALREADY PROMISED, BUT ASSUME FROM OVERALL CONTEXT OF (A) SADAT'S MENTIONING TO SECRETARY BROWN IN WASHINGTON HIS NEED FOR ACCELERATED C-130 DELIVERIES, (B) MY PERTINENT TALK WITH VP MUBARAK (REF C) AND (C) SADAT'S PERTINENT COMMENTS TO ME OF YESTERDAY (REF B) THAT HE IS IN FACT TALKING ABOUT FINDING WAYS TO ACCELERATE THE DELIVERY OF THE FOURTEEN C-130S ALREADY PROMISED. I COULD GO BACK TO HIM AND SPECIFICALLY ASK THE QUESTION, BUT RECOMMEND AGAINST DOING THIS. IF I DO SO, HE IS LIKELY TO VIEW THIS AS WORTH THE TRY TO GET SIX C-130S OVER AND ABOVE THE FOURTEEN ALREADY PROMISED. THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE AFTER LOSS OF ONE C-130 IN LARNACA INCIDENT.

2. SADAT DID NOT RAISE THE ISSUE IN TERMS OF OUR LENDING

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GOE SIX C-130S ON A TEMPORARY BASIS PENDING DELIVERY OF THOSE ALREADY SCHEDULED. I SUSPECT, HOWEVER, THAT IF PUSH CAME TO SHOVE, THE LOAN OF SIX C-130S UNTIL THOSE SCHEDULED FOR EGYPT ARE DELIVERED WOULD BE SATISFACTORY TO HIM. SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED, HOWEVER, THAT LENDING C-130S TO EGYPT IS A RISK FOR ANY OWNER.

3. WHILE I WAS IN WASHINGTON, THERE WAS SOME TALK OF
LOOKING INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF BORROWING SIX C-130S EITHER
FROM IRAN OR SAUDI ARABIA. IF THIS COULD BE ARRANGED, I
BELIEVE THE EGYPTIANS WOULD BE SATISFIED.

4. I INVITE ATTENTION, NEVERTHELESS, TO SADAT'S LATEST
INTEREST IN OBTAINING U.S. CONFIGURED C-130S WITH SPECIAL
STOL CAPABILITY ABOUT WHICH HE WAS APPARENTLY TOLD IN THE
UNITED STATES (REF B). EILTS

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